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## The Pastor's Message.

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My Dear Friends:—You took me so completely by surprise on that last Sunday morning that I spent with you when you suggested that I leave Chicago as soon as possible that I did not have time to thank you in any adequate fashion for your great kindness. No sentence of banishment was ever more sweet, for my heart was with the sick baby and the anxious mother in New York, and I had been for three days struggling with the question as to how I could perform my two-fold duty to my family and to my church. In your usual noble fashion you solved the question for me in a very sudden and a very beautiful way. I have been thinking about you and your kindness to me ever since, and I send you this word of loving remembrance to tell you how truly I appreciate your thoughtfulness to me and my dear ones.

The baby was very ill, indeed, and when I first saw him my heart was sorely troubled. I was startled to see the change that the short time had wrought in him, for he looked exceedingly frail and pale and weak. Since we reached Nova Scotia, however, he has been steadily improving every day and now looks strong and vigorous again. Mrs. de Blois was quite worn out with her labors of nursing and caring for the little one in the midst of the intense heat of New York, so I have been trying to ease her burden a little. The climate here is ideal. The days are sometimes hot, but the nights invariably cool, and just enough rain falls to keep the air free from dust. I have an idea of my own, which you may have heard me express once in a while, and with considerable emphasis, that this little town in the center of the Evangeline country is unsurpassed the world over for rich and quiet beauty.

We are all resting. We have a horse and double carriage at our beck and call, and we take drives in all directions, varying the drives each day to suit our whims. I am trying to store up nervous energy to serve me in the work of the coming year. Quite to my surprise, I found myself just utterly weary in mind and body when I arrived here. It has been a great relief and inspiration to sit in the pew with my family on Sundays and listen to other men preach. No one can know who has not been in a similar position what a privilege it is just to sit at ease in one's

pew and "watch proceedings." I have varied my quoit playing, and driving and fishing excursions and swimming in the salt water by preparing half a dozen sermons, and I find it really easier to compose these at my leisure under the green trees than when the pressure of necessity and the demands of next Sunday urge me forward.

I have read with real pleasure the last number of "Church Life," which has just come to me, and which reveals the competent editorship of Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Raymond. It is one of the best numbers that has ever been published. I am particularly interested in the account of Deacon's Ahrens' sermon. It comforted me and made my coming very much easier when I knew that he was to occupy the pulpit on the Sunday following my departure. I felt sure that his sermon would be appreciated, and I am glad to notice from "Church Life" and from letters that I have received that the people were so much helped by his preaching. I wish that we might have a great deal more of such splendid lay service in all our churches. Why should not the various churches during the pastor's vacation, during part of the time at least, call upon gifted laymen within their own church instead of asking strange ministers from some distant part to break in upon them, preach, and then disappear.

The first Sunday evening preaching service on the outside of the church was so well attended, and the after meeting so earnest, and the testimonies so enthusiastic, and the prayers so fervent, and the singing so hearty, that I hope great things from the meetings that follow. You have already had two or three of these, and I trust they have been seasons of spiritual power. The memory of the crowd that gathered and the respectful attention that was given to the words of the preacher on the evening of the first Sunday in July will long abide with me. We are very fortunate in having Mr. Van Meter to help us by his strong personality and his heart-searching words. Pray for him and rally to his support week by week with all your strength. Even though the experiment does not show the highest success the first year, we know that the principle is right, so we may be sure that the final outcome will be glorious. These Sunday evening services repeat the simple and essential missionary truth imbedded in the very

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heart of the Christian faith: "Go ye!" Thus it does not mean, "we wait for you!" or "come in and worship with us!" but "behold we bring to you the blessing and the Bread of Life!"

I learn from various sources that the committee on our "Diamond Jubilee Celebration" is by no means asleep. Under the able leadership of Mr. Smith the members of the committee will undoubtedly prepare good and great things for the meetings in October. I am anxious that the anniversary shall not be simply a celebration. It must be a grand rally of all our forces. It must be a time both of remembrance and of resolve. It must be a period of fellowship, warm and hearty. It must be an occasion of wise and mutual council, and of preparation for new and larger labors. God has great things in store for us at the old First Church if we are ready to obey him fully and unitedly, though he may seem to be leading in new and strange ways. The work of police officers and law courts and reform organizations is tremendously necessary, but all that work falls far short of the vital and essential thing which it is the privilege of Christianity to supply. We as a Christian church must seek in

a practical way to safeguard and rescue the lives of the people, and especially the boys and girls of our immediate neighborhood. We must not only drive out the evil place for a week or a year; we must not only drive forth the demon and sweep and garnish the neighborhood thus delivered from the devil. If we go that far negative. The evil spirit will return and the last state of that community will be worse than the first. We must put something in place of the saloon and the gambling den. We must show by our lives and our gifts that love is above law, and that we desire not simply to keep our own property from depreciating in value, but also and far beyond this to help and save the souls and the bodies of the young people of our vicinity.

Bear in mind that your pastor is with you in spirit, and is praying for you, especially as you gather for the worship of God on Sunday morning and Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. I never fail to think of you with especial and tender interest at these times.

Loyally and faithfully, your Pastor and friend,

AUSTEN K. DE BLOIS.

## Our 75th Birthday.

October 19, 1833, the First Baptist Church of Chicago was organized with nineteen members, and October 19, 1908, the church will have completed its seventy-fifth year. Seventy-five years of its history have been written. A history so intimately connected with the life and growth of this great city and the life and growth of the denomination—not alone in this city, but in the whole Northwest.

In recognizing the importance of the time the Chicago Baptist Association has appointed a strong committee to co-operate with a committee from the First Baptist Church in the celebration of the "Diamond Jubilee" of the founding of the Baptist denomination in Chicago.

Such committee has been appointed and a tentative program for the week's celebration has been mapped out, and your committee has entered enthusiastically in preparation for this great event.

Sub-committees are being selected and will soon be appointed that will be, as largely as possible, representative of the whole church, and the co-operation of every present, as well as former member of the church, is desired to make the occasion memorable in the history of the church and the denomination in all branches of its activity—religious and educational, not alone to celebrate past success and triumphs, but to broaden such activities in every direction and to be another milestone marking the beginning of greater things—more accomplished for the cause of the Master—the beginning of a new era in the history and work of the church, so that when the coming twenty-five years shall have passed into history each year will be marked by greater activity and greater things accomplished than in preceding years, the foundations of the church more broadly laid, its influence for good extended, the forces of evil baffled and driven back and our own particular field regenerated.

When the fathers located and built our beau-

tiful house of worship upon its present location thirty-three years ago, it was with a view to the great future which they saw. The whole territory to the south was vacant lots, ideal in their locations for quiet, retired and peaceful homes, and they determined to plant the Cross here upon the margin between thickly settled portions of the city and that to be occupied in the movement of a great population to the south and along the border of the great, inspiring and health-giving lake.

Every one of the first five decades in the life of the church was filled with great things undertaken and accomplished—not alone for those things pertaining to our own personal good, and the comfort of our own immediate families and neighbors—but the whole life of the church was marked by the broadest charities—the church gave out of its poverty and in prosperity. No trial, no obstacle and no disaster stopped its onward progress.

The building and paying for the present church edifice was marked by such self-sacrifice, such real privations and real heroism as has never been excelled, if equaled in the history of the denomination, and only the few now alive who went through those dark but glorious days can realize or know the devotion of its members. All were united in the struggle, and accomplished their purpose, giving to their successors and to future generations this beautiful church home, complete in all its appointments and free from debt, and while doing so did not withhold help from others.

The changing conditions in every great city—the crowding of the forces of evil around and upon us, seem to make it inevitable that in self-preservation this church must enter upon a new era; a radical departure seems necessary to enable it to hold its ground and combat the forces of evil. Times have so changed that it is not enough to maintain regular church services and the Sunday school, but the conditions de-

mand new methods and more persistent work, supplementing and strengthening such old-time work of the church as may be all-sufficient work in other communities. It is not difficult for us to see that the salvation of the church lies not in conserving, but in enlarging effort.

During the last twenty-five years no great forward movement has been undertaken, no real effort made to meet the changing conditions, the building of Raymond Chapel at a cost of some \$9,000 being the sole effort, and that work was in behalf of people remote from this immediate community. The present membership has seemed to be content, having inherited such a fine plant, to maintain regular church services.

We are now facing not a theory, but actual, grave conditions that by united effort and God's help we may combat and overcome, as has been often done by this church in the past.

Your committee greatly desires to so arrange the program of the contemplated meetings of Anniversary Week, and select such themes and speakers fully alive to the conditions and modern methods bearing directly upon advance future work in the redemption of our immediate neighborhood, that the salvation of our boys and girls, who within a few years must continue such work if it is to be done at all, will be assured.

With all these ends in view your committee urgently invites the hearty and enthusiastic cooperation of every member of the church, all former members, and all who are, or ever have been, interested in its work, that the occasion may be worthy of the church, have a deep and lasting influence upon the denomination, the city and our neighborhood—that this community may be impressed with the fact that this church is established and maintained for their good, and the well being of their children and children's children.

W. E. SMITH,  
Chairman Membership Committee.

#### SPECIAL REQUEST.

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary Committee wants the name and address of every living ex-member of our church. There is no way to get a list of such unless each and every one whose eye this notice reaches responds to it by sending (on postal card addressed to W. E. Smith, Chairman, 52 Woodland Park, Chicago) the names and addresses of those whom he knows as having formerly been on our membership list. Almost every one can recall some one who has moved away, so please "do it now" and thus be the means of your friend not being forgotten or overlooked when the Correspondence Committee sends out its letters and anniversary invitations next month. "Many hands make light labor." Help!

#### THE DOUGLAS NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB.

Right in line with the idea of "practical Christianity," in which we hope our church will assume an ever-increasing part, is to be found the Douglas Neighborhood Club, whose activities are accomplishing so much good in our immediate vicinity. The president is Rev. Morton Culver Hartzell, pastor of our sister church, the South Park Avenue M. E.

There is a question in many minds if the one who passively submits to evil is not guilty along with the evil-doer. There is nothing so bold and impudent as evil when it is tolerated, there is nothing so cowardly as evil when it meets with determined and intelligent opposition. It is our duty as Christians to unite and, using the same intelligence and energy we would in our business affairs, combat the forces of evil. "Ask and ye shall receive," or as they say at the City Hall, "Them as kicks, gets." The larger the organization the more effective its "kick."

We commend the Douglas Neighborhood Club to the support of our readers. W. T.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 7, 1908.

**Editor Church Life:**—The request you make of me to the effect that I write something in regard to the objects which the Douglas Neighborhood Club hoped to accomplish, the work that has been done, and the ever-increasing amount of hard work to be performed, might be more forcibly written by another.

In the first place I want to say that the good people among whom "Church Life" circulates will never know the amount of good the worthy president and others connected with the Douglas Neighborhood Club have done this community. One fact can hardly be denied, and that is, this club has won a greater victory for decency than any civic association ever organized in this city for the betterment of moral conditions.

The objects of the club are: First—"To compel every saloon to close at 1 o'clock according to law."

Second—"To insist upon the revocation of a saloon license, no matter to whom issued, when it is shown that the place licensed does not comply with the law, harbors women or other disreputable characters; to insist also that there be no renewal of a license once revoked."

Third—"To insist that the city authorities compel every retailer of intoxicating liquors to take out and pay for a city license."

Fourth—"To bring about the removal of all disreputable characters from this district."

Fifth—"To stop gambling."

It will be seen at once that we had an uphill fight on our hands. We combated the influences that were against us, however, and success has crowned our endeavors even beyond our fondest expectations.

The property owners who stood for decency were with us to a man. Within six months we had a club membership of between 200 and 300 men, all working for the cause in one way or another, some financially and others doing actual and effective work both night and day, and for four months a continuous warfare was in progress between the police force on the one hand and our club on the other. Finally we burst the bands that hold the police in collusion with the disreputables and the authorities were compelled to accede to our demands and give our neighborhood a cleaning up morally.

It was a soul-trying ordeal which we passed through; every conceivable way in which the police could throttle us was brought to a consummation. Promises made that were not kept, lies and other disreputable means were resorted to in order to discourage and weaken our forces, but as we were fighting for our homes

and decency as against iniquitous dance halls, houses of prostitution and assignation in flats over stores where our children were forced to come in contact with the pernicious class, would renew our energy, and, taking our legal advice from an eminent attorney, we could strike at some vital point and carry the bulwark, the police making complete surrender.

To allay any doubt that we have accomplished much, we ask the readers to look at the many "For Rent" signs in the apartment buildings which were being tenanted by the "demi-monde."

The police orders are being obeyed. The women are moving away. The saloons are obeying the law, music has been denied them, thus the general debauchery which was formerly much in evidence has ceased to be so glaring. One very pernicious place which usually had from 100 to 200 men and women drinking and carousing around tables all night long, was visited on a recent Saturday night, and three persons were found in the place. The conclusion to be drawn from this fact is, remove the music from these vicious saloons and the undesirables will soon disappear.

There has been one unfortunate lie circulated concerning the club's action in this matter that is worthy of any notice. For the purpose of discrediting the club a story to the effect that the club joined with others in requesting the chief of police to enforce the sidewalk ordinance was circulated. The story is one originated by the police authorities to arouse a sentiment against us. The only result of such stories as are circulated is a quick reaction against their authors.

When vacations are over and the cool weather returns the Douglas Neighborhood Club will be found on the battlefield, unscarred and ready to take up the fight with renewed vigor and finish up its objective work. The organization is a permanent one and will hold the authorities responsible for keeping our district clean.

S. P. WILSON.

#### OUR CHURCH IN VACATION TIME.

Our pastor is to be congratulated that in this trying vacation season, without an assistant pastor, the church should have such a body of men and women and young people to step to the front and carry on the work, and especially to engage in gospel services for the unsaved in our neighborhood. It would do him good, if he could look in upon our Wednesday and Sunday night services and see with what interest and zest the members take hold in his absence. He might be surprised at the evidences of latent talent which necessity calls into exercise. The church by the Sunday evening services is honoring God, and He in turn is rewarding the members, not only by awakening latent talents, but by permitting the fruits of their labors to be manifested in the awakening of sinners to a knowledge of Christ. The church is indebted to Bro. H. H. Van Meter for the clear and sympathetic presentation of Gospel truth, supplemented by the Gospel in song so sweetly sung by Mrs. Sylvester Marshall, Mrs. Dr. Betts, Miss Maud Webb, and our little sister, Frances Milhuff. The Sunday School and Young People's Society furnish most of the workers for this combination

of open-air and indoor meetings. The Wednesday evening prayer meetings have been under the leadership, respectively, of Dr. E. C. Spinn, Rev. E. L. Kelley and Deacons E. D. Neal and W. J. Liddy. Unexpected texts were illuminated, and many and encouraging were the lessons left with the members to think about. Thus the trying vacation time is becoming a profitable season.

W. R. R.

#### SUMMER SERMONS.

In this age we witness the passing of a few divines from staunch supporters of the realities of the Christian religion to the cheap notoriety of minimizing its glorious truths. There is but a short step from minimizing the truths of the Bible to denying them, and so we are somewhat startled when a clergyman publishes his conclusions against cherished Scriptural truth, and yet such a result is foreseen by the earlier attitude of criticizing the Bible.

When weakly anchored faith is slipped from its moorings by the publication of the doubts of such clergymen, it is a real pleasure to listen to young men in the glow of a firm faith in God and in his divine book so miraculously preserved.

his Sunday morning sermon, July 19, on the wonderful characteristics which combined to make the Apostle Paul so great and so powerful a preacher. He viewed him as a Man of Doctrine, who practiced what he preached; a Man of Faith, a Man of Love, and a Man of Patience.

The sermon of Rev. J. G. Mathews, formerly of Vancouver, now of Toronto, Ont., Sunday morning, July 26, captured the audience by his encouraging optimism in handling the text taken from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians: "For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

"Paul sees in all things contributions to the religion of Christ, a unity in the variety of teachings. Science, philosophy, and all cultured minds discover truth, and as truth is truth, there must be a unity somewhere; the harmony will appear in later years, and the results are all ours.

"Perhaps this church would like to remove to an exclusively residence district in the suburbs. Such a field of labor would be enjoyed, but there is a higher joy in remaining right here and bravely meeting the problems and needed activities in this community. The Christian life is like mountain climbing. Step by step we climb upward, struggle by struggle, we go to a higher plane in life's true attainment, until at last the heights are gained, and the reward of our battling comes in an heavenly experience of full fruition, when the sound is attuned into harmony with God and all things work together for good."

On August 2 we had the pleasure of listening to Rev. F. F. R. Miller, of Grand Forks, N. Dak., who preached a stirring sermon on the text: "My Kingdom Is Not of This World." He directed our attention to the eternal realities of God. The fashion of this world passes away.

Worldliness is transient. Spiritual treasures only are eternal. He would have us hope on. He would have us entertain faith as supreme, and exercise love for the good of others. Christ's Kingdom is in the world, though not of it. It is a Kingdom of principles established in the hearts of men. It is the spiritual mastery of Christ over the hearts of believers. It is more than an organization or an institution. It is life itself. Ceremonies and services, prayers and praise are not Christianity. They are but the expression of the spiritual life of its devoted followers. Unbelief has assailed the marriage relation, the home and the fundamental principles of our faith, but today more than ever the righteousness of the kingdom is manifest in the world's progress, and in the advancement of woman, and of labor and the rights of all. Prayer has a distinct part in this spiritual kingdom, and as we pray, "Thy Kingdom come;" let us remember our loyalty is necessary to bring it to pass. Through struggles, sacrifices and tears we bring the Kingdom of God to wider power and sway."

About 250 present, of whom 193 remained for communion.

W. R. R.

The Pulpit Supply Committee have been on the alert to secure the services of visiting clergymen of scholarly attainments and have kept in touch with several ministers who expect to be able to preach for us as follows:

August 9—Rev. O. R. O. Farel, Willimantic, Conn.

August 16—Rev. Robert Gordon, Milwaukee, Wis.

August 23—Rev. A. T. Fowler, Minneapolis, Minn.

August 30—Rev. H. O. Rowland, Davenport, Iowa.

#### Sunday Evening Outdoor Services.

At the beginning of the summer the suggestion was seriously put forward by some of our either timid or tired members that the church be closed Sunday evenings during July and August. (the next backward step would have been to suggest closing *entirely* during the summer), but perhaps when these same members return from their vacations—refreshed and strong-hearted, they will admit that it would have been a mistake to lie down and rest and thus miss the great good that has come to the church—in a spiritual way, at least—by these outdoor meetings held at 7 o'clock and the indoor meetings for testimonies and prayer at 7:45.

The pastor of one of our sister churches—Rev. Covert of the Forty-First Street Presbyterian Church—called for written opinions from the men of his church on the subject of "an open summer church." Out of about a dozen replies received and published in their church paper only one advocated a discontinuance of services—and he only partially. Read the following message from Brother Van Meter:

Chicago, Aug. 6, 1908.

Our pastor wrote me under date of Wolfville, N. S., July 28, 1908, in part as follows: "I feel that the greatest thing our church ever did, was to hold its preaching service on the street, instead of in the church. I hope that you will

have great success in the Sunday evening meetings. Do not give them up. I want you to press forward with the work." So I appeal to all who love the Lord in our church and all who are loyal to our pastor to rally at his call in this work and try to fill our church Sabbath evenings when we welcome him home.

Some of the sweetest singers of our city have helped us in this work voluntarily without remuneration.

Mrs. Sylvester Marshall, Mrs. Dr. Betts and Miss Maud Webb have helped us most kindly in this way. They realize with our pastor that this is the only way to reach the masses of the people, who will not enter any church, of the Protestant persuasion at least, and so they willingly join in the work for love of the Lord, and the lost.

We must win the millions of opposite faith and of no faith, for Christ, or our country will soon cease to be the land of the free, and our religious liberty which has cost so much, will be lost to us, and our land forever.

Will not all members of our church unite in this work to cheer our pastor and help the cause of Christ?

H. H. Van Meter.

#### July 19.

Brother H. H. Van Meter took for the subject of his open-air address Sunday evening, July 19, "The best known and best loved text in all the world," John 3:16. He placed the emphasis on God's wonderful love of mankind as measured by the greatest gift of His dear Son and by the great gift of everlasting life.

With many touching illustrations he impressed the yearning love God had for each man, woman and child present. "Whosoever believeth on Him" very clearly brought the subject home to each one, and thus Mr. Van Meter strongly pled for personal acceptance of Christ, and cordially invited all to attend the prayer and praise service in the auditorium of the church. The sermon was supplemented by the Gospel singing of Mrs. Dr. Betts, of the Immanuel Baptist Church, assisted by Dr. Carver Williams, and our little sister Frances Milhuff. The marked attention and feeling indicated how God honors the Gospel in song. Mrs. Betts sang a solo which brought up memories of mother's love by a selection dwelling upon the lasting affection and anxiety for the spiritual welfare of her children. In this song she furnished a text to Christians present, and numerous and beautiful were the testimonies offered to the influence of mother's love. They spoke of her ceaseless prayers and her conversation manifesting a deep concern for the salvation of her children. One testimony differed from the majority in that the mother exerted her influence, not so much by direct conversation with her children on the subject of religion as by the power of her sincere Christian life. They were conscious always of the yearning desire that they might believe on Christ and forever assure their future welfare.

#### July 26.

On Sunday evening, July 26, Brother H. H. Van Meter addressed the 300 people assembled at the corner of the church on the same theme of "God's Love," taken for his subject the Sunday before, only this time he took for his text

the beautiful words found in Isaiah 66:13: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem." He illustrated the text by many instances of a mother comforting love for her sorrowing children, and readily impressed the application of God's yearning love to comfort and help everyone who will receive Him. Fully 200 attended the service inside, and the testimonies and requests for prayer and the deeper interest shown marked the divine blessing upon the meeting.

#### August 2.

The address of Brother Van Meter on the evening of August 2 was in the form of a personal experience, and was told with all the confidence and power of such experiences. In the time of greatest grief and trial he appealed to God for light and help from His sacred word, and God in answer gave him these comforting words: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."—Isaiah 41:10. Light came. Trouble and sorrow were banished, and peace took their place. He urged his hearers to accept the help promised in this beautiful text, which had done him more good than anything else in the world. Brother Van Meter then, looking up at the brightly shining stars, said: "That God, who holds the stars in their courses, unvarying in thousands of years is the same God who makes the promise in the text, and He is able to fulfill it in your life." The cordial welcome to the service in the auditorium of the church was responded to heartily nearly 200 attending, and about fifteen taking part. Brother Van Meter was assisted in the open-air meeting by Rev. E. L. Kelley, who offered prayer, and by Miss Maud Webb, who sweetly sang the "Precious Name of Jesus."

The following item of interest to our readers is taken from the Standard, which, beside being the organ of our Baptist denomination, is a "news" paper dealing with current events. In these times when the "great" (measured by the square feet of surface they cover) newspapers are crowded so full of crime, sensations, sports, politics and what not that there is scarce space left for the printing of clean, wholesome and uplifting thoughts—it is a relief to read the interesting columns of such a paper as the Standard. It should be a regular visitor to every household of our church.

#### "F. C. W. Parker Goes to Oregon."

Rev. F. C. W. Parker, associate pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston, has accepted the call of the Oregon Baptist State Convention to take charge of the denominational work in that state as general missionary. His decision to take up this new work is the result of a most satisfactory correspondence with the convention during the past two months. He believes that Oregon, as a part of the growing Northwest, offers a most promising field for the accomplishment of great things for the kingdom of God.

In May, 1904, at the instance of Dr. P. S. Henson, Mr. Parker was called to his present position at Tremont Temple, he having been previously associated with Dr. Henson at the First church, of Chicago. He has completed four years of faithful and successful service with the Temple church, during which he has won a large place

in the hearts of the people. He will go to his new field of labor in the fall, followed by the prayers and good wishes of many friends in the East.

Chicago and Boston will congratulate Oregon upon securing this efficient workman to succeed Rev. W. B. Pope as general missionary of Oregon. His labors are to begin September 15. He comes to a large and rapidly growing field and to a constituency ready to support him in undertaking great things for the advancement of the kingdom of God in Oregon.

#### THE CHURCH AT WORK.

##### Sunday School.

From August 26 (Wednesday) to August 31 (Monday), the greatest and best known Sunday School leaders of the country will meet at Lake Geneva. Who of our Sunday School workers will make up a party to go and spend a few days at this beautiful place? Hand your name to Superintendent Piercy. For special rates and further information address Sunday School camp, Williams Bay, Wis.

"Our" Mrs. Lumley will attend the summer school for primary teachers at Lake Geneva, August 15 to 21. She is on the program for this meeting. We are fortunate in having such active and interested workers in our Sunday School.

The fourth annual Men's Fall Festival concert of the Cook County Sunday School Association will be held on Tuesday evening, November 17, 1908. Tenor and bass singers to represent our school are wanted. Who will volunteer?

The attendance during the hot Sundays in July has been gratifying, and in this connection a surprising fact, that at a recent prayer meeting, the leader (Brother Wigney) and all who attended except three (3) were members of our Sunday School.

Another noticeable fact is that the members of our school comprise the majority at our Sunday evening service. What would the church amount to if it were not for the Sunday School? Stop a minute if you are not a member of the school. What is your duty? Remember the hour, 9:30 a. m. Come and you will receive a royal welcome.

A glass globe has been placed at the door of the Intermediate Department and is called "The Love and Sacrifice Bank." It is intended for use of sick and needy scholars. A few pennies gathered each Sunday will soon amount to a nice fund to bring comfort to some worthy scholar.

We are glad to welcome Miss Margaret Coones and Miss E. M. Knight as workers with us again.

Miss Evans has visited at the homes of a large number of the absent with good result.

The school has received great assistance from the young ladies of Mrs. Ware's class, who taught classes, for which the officers are very thankful and trust the good work of Mrs. Ware will continue.

What shall the Fall work of our school be? The officers will be pleased to receive suggestions. Already we have some good ones, but are on the lookout for more, and especially for good workers to carry out plans that have had to be deferred on account of lack of workers. What, please, is your excuse for not giving your name to the superintendent as one who is willing to "pitch in and help" this Fall? Do come and help if you can.

Superintendent Piercy has had printed "return postal cards" for those pupils who attend Sunday school out of town to send back to the home school certifying to their attendance elsewhere so that they may receive credit on our records. Some of these cards lately received indicate that our membership is well scattered during the summer and show attendance in the following places:

Cornelia Buehlow, Walkerton, Ont.  
Sylvia Buehlow, Walkerton, Ont.

Marie Hiney, Wilmette, Ill.

Louis Howe, Le Roy, Ill.

Mildred Hamlin, Monroe Center, Iowa.

Elsie Hunter, Webster City, Iowa.

Sybilla Keeler, Sheboygan, Mich.

Pearl Kelly.

Harold Lumley, Urbana, Ill.

Leslie Lumley, Uroana, Ill.

Arlene Lumley, Urbana, Ill.

Florentine Lafranz, Gobleville, Mich.

Charlotte Lamasters, Albion, Mich.

Florence Lundgren, Traverse City, Mich.

Margaret Port, Sandwich, Ill.

Frances Port, Englewood, Ill.

James Shane, Whitewater, Wis.

Leon Strandberg, Traverse City, Mich.

Frances Strandberg, Traverse City, Mich.

Charles Wagner, Savoy, Ill.

We wish any scholar or teacher who has failed to get credit on the class records for attendance while out of the city would report to Secretary Dr. Frank Gale and have the record corrected.

Dr. F. H. Kelly, superintendent of the Intermediate Department, was away one Sunday recently on a visit to Elkhart, Ind., and was greatly missed, as he is one of the faithful "regulars."

Mrs. J. S. McCullough, superintendent of the Juniors, we are sorry to learn, is down with appendicitis. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. A. E. Thomas, superintendent of the Primary Department, and family are at Mukwonago, near Burlington, Wis.

Mrs. Fish and her brother, Mr. Gaylord, are enjoying themselves at Pentwater, Mich. Mrs. Fish writes she attended the school there.

Mrs. C. G. Lumley, superintendent of the Junior Department (Infant Class) has returned after a month's absence in Urbana, Ill.

Mr. T. Ralph Ridley, assistant secretary of the Intermediate Department, has gone to Ithaca, N. Y., to spend his vacation. He is to be congratulated but of that we may speak more when he, or rather they, return.

### Cradle Roll.

Mrs. Jennie C. Bilton, in charge of our Cradle Roll, reports the following names added since last report:

Irene Bernice Peacock,  
Howard Carey,  
Verna LuElla McCreary,  
Helen Maurine Little,  
Virginia Elizabeth Meyer,  
Myrtle Clara Hill,  
Arthur Carlman,  
Zeta Dunnigan,  
Ada E. Crawford,  
Ronald Thomas Hamilton,  
Clarence W. Robbins,  
Paul John Sullivan,  
William Rainey Corbett,  
Shirley Ross Timewell.

### The Adoniram Judson Class.

The Adoniram Judson Class in our Sabbath School was organized some time ago with Deacon Pienkowski as teacher and enthusiasm as to the future. Very soon, however, Mr. Pienkowski took charge of the Lorimer class and Mr. Messner became the teacher. Under him the organization was perfected, class pins were selected and the Adoniram Judson Club (auxiliary to the class) was formed. Through removals from the city and other causes the class became very small, and in the early part of this year Mr. Messner resigned as its teacher.

Mrs. F. C. Bennett, with three scholars from her class and five from Mrs. Lingle's class, took charge, and from that time on we have had as large an average in attendance in proportion to our membership as any class in the school. At present several members are away on their vacations, but we believe that the coming fall and winter will see them all back in their places and some new members as well. Recently the Adoniram Judson Club has been reorganized with a view to the "educational and social advancement of the class," as our constitution has it.

A copy of the constitution, the work of an uncle of a member of the class, and a picture of Adoniram Judson, the gift of Dr. Edward Judson, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, New York City, hang in our class-room.

The club has arranged for an excursion Thursday, August 20, to Michigan City, on the steamship Theodore Roosevelt, which leaves the south end of the Clark street bridge at 10 a. m.

Round trip, 75 cents. Tickets may be had from any member of the class, or Mrs. F. C. Bennett, or at the Sunday School secretary's room. We bespeak your patronage.

We will be very glad to welcome to our class any of our age (15 to 17 years) and hope that you will aid us in this direction.

The officers of the Judson Club are: President, Arthur W. Vennell; vice president, William Hamman; secretary and treasurer, Eugene M. Schmitt; entertainment committee, Charles Hall, Frank Lyman and Hilary Harrison.

EUGENE M. SCHMITT, Secretary.

### The Home Department.

The Home Department of the Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. There are about 100 studying our Sunday School lessons in their

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It is the plan of the Editor to give a receipt to every subscriber to CHURCH LIFE for payments made, and if such payments are not thus acknowledged within a reasonable time subscribers will confer a favor by notifying the Editor of the fact. Money sometimes gets lost in the mails or otherwise and a little prompt attention at the time will obviate differences of opinion at a later date. Kindly notice also the date to which you are credited on the receipt and have it corrected if wrong.

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homes. The contribution for the quarter ending June 30, amounted to \$9.43. Any one who is not able to meet with us Sunday mornings to study God's word may have the privilege of joining our Home Study Department by handing his name to E. L. Kelley. They will be supplied with quarterlies.

### Men's League.

The Men's Circle Class, which meets at the close of the Sunday morning service under the leadership of Brother Raymond, has been continued during the summer. You will be cordially welcomed and interested if you come.

Help Wanted!—Please read over again the "Special Request" of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Committee regarding names and addresses of former members. This request is made of you personally. A postal card answer will do very nicely, thank you.

### GROVER CLEVELAND ON THE BIBLE.

Soon after Grover Cleveland died our pastor reviewed his life, presenting the prominent qualities which marked him as a statesman of high character. One of the best things coming from Mr. Cleveland's pen is an extract, giving his estimate of the Bible in its relation to citizenship, written to a Baltimore clergyman. This extract is now being incorporated into a book by the latter on the "Gospels and the Acts of the New Testament."

"I much hope," wrote Mr. Cleveland, "that in sending out this book you will do something to invite more attention among the masses of our people to the study of the New Testament and the Bible as a whole. It seems to me that in these days there is an unhappy falling off in our appreciation of the importance of this study. I do not believe, as a people, that we can afford to allow our interest in and veneration for the Bible to abate. I look upon it as the source from which those who study it in spirit and truth will derive strength of character, a realization of the duty of citizenship and a true apprehension of the power and wisdom and mercy of God."

Take in the excursion to Michigan City, August 20, with the Judson class.

### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

There has been much interest manifested in the open air meetings which are being held Sunday evenings under the auspices of the C. E. Society. We do not know what the results may be, but we feel sure that the seed, which has been sown, will in time, bear fruit. We are under great obligations to Mr. Van Meter and those who have so ably assisted with the music. There has been a good attendance of the older people, but we regret that more of the young people have not found it possible to attend. With the first of September, we will resume our regular C. E. meetings, and hope to hold our open air meetings again on Monday evenings as long as the weather permits.

Under the efficient leadership of our former  
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## CHICAGO BAPTIST NEWS

## PERSONALS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

**Epiphany.**—Recognition services for the newly constituted Epiphany Church were held on the evening of July 7 in Liberty Hall, Hamlin and Chicago avenues, Rev. H. Peterson, pastor.

**Parkside.**—The work of this church is making such advancement that at a recent meeting it was voted that a larger and better equipped building is an imperative need. The neighborhood is becoming a popular residence district. It has been necessary to pitch a tent at the rear of the church building to provide for the beginners' class of the Sunday school. A building committee has been appointed and are receiving contributions for this purpose.

**Rogers Park.**—Pastor Hobbs has been preaching a series of seven sermons on "Out-of-doors with Jesus." The services are held upon the lawn in front of the church.

**Evanston.**—Dr. Greene began his vacation on July 20. He will preach in Providence, Worcester and Melrose, Mass. During his absence the pulpit will be supplied by Prof. D. A. Hayes, Rev. S. V. S. Phillips of Cedar Rapids, Ia., Rev. F. S. Miller, Grand Forks, N. D., Rev. G. P. Perry, Troy, N. Y., Rev. R. W. Van Kirk, Jackson, Mich., and Dr. C. D. Gray, Boston.

**Humboldt Park.**—Rev. B. F. Martin has accepted the pastorate to succeed Rev. W. H. MacLeod. He comes from Moline, where he has had a successful pastorate of nearly four years.

**Galilee.**—Rev. D. C. Henshaw has issued a booklet of instructions to young Christians treating the fundamental things of the gospel, of the church, ordinances, duties, etc., having also a blank to be filled as a baptismal certificate.

**Western Ave.**—Rev. G. T. Webb has been the acceptable supply for several months. The church has recently raised a thousand dollars for needed improvement.

**Tabernacle.**—President Leavitt, of Ewing College, supplied the church for three Sundays during the pastor's vacation in July.

Dr. W. M. Lawrence of East Orange, N. J., supplied the North Shore Church on July 19,

and was heard with delight by his old parishioners at the Second Church on July 26.

Rev. F. C. W. Parker, assistant pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston, and formerly with Dr. Henson at the First Church, Chicago, has been called to become the general missionary for Oregon and will take up this work in the autumn.

The Baptist Men's Chorus, of Chicago, to the number of twenty-eight, recently took an outing, walking to Madison, Wis., where the members gave a concert at the First Church on Saturday, and played a game of ball on Monday with the members of the boys' brotherhood. From Madison they went to Janesville, Delavan, Geneva, Fox Lake and Elgin. They walked nearly the whole distance, slept in barns and were furnished food supplies on the way in return for singing. This annual outing was a pronounced success.

The Congregational churches are making good use of some of our Baptist preachers during the vacation time of their pastors. Dr. Soares supplies the Oak Park Congregational Church; Rev. W. J. Peacock will supply the New England Congregational Church of Chicago, and Dr. D. D. MacLaurin supplies for a Congregational church in Minneapolis for five Sundays.

Dr. George T. Webb, general secretary of the B. Y. P. U., left after the Cleveland convention for a trip abroad. He will spend the time in Scotland, Paris and London, preaching three Sundays in Regent's Park Church, London.

A dispatch from Fort Branch, Ind., in the Chicago Record-Herald recently recited these facts which are related to those to which reference was made by Rev. C. C. Marshall, of Hodgenville, Ky., in the Standard of June 13: An old record of great interest to the people here was unearthed today by Elder Archie Brown. The record is in the form of a book which contains the minutes of the Primitive Baptist Church, of Pigeon, Warwick county, in what was then the territory of Indiana. The first entry in the book was made in 1816, and regular accounts of the more important events of the church and congregation are given for a period of nearly thirty years. In one of the entries, made in the month of June, 1823, Thomas Lincoln and his wife are shown to have united with the church, the first named by letter and the latter on profession of faith, or "experience," as it is given in the book. Thomas Lincoln was the father of Abraham Lincoln, and his wife was the stepmother of the future president.

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION NOTES.

Perhaps our readers will be glad at this time of vacation to hear of our foreign mission work and workers. Some of our faithful board members are having the pleasure of travel, others enjoying Chautauqua or Silver Bay conferences. Some of our missionaries are also resting for a season and renewing old acquaintance with other workers.

Miss Higby writes:—"I passed my sixty-eighth birthday in this quiet, peaceful place, where, with these dear young ladies, I am spending my vacation. They made it a very pleasant day. Every hour some little gift was brought to me, with a spray of roses and a rhyme, and in the evening there was a surprise dinner, every missionary in Myitkyina being present."

Miss Parrott says:—"I wish you could see this woman at my side as I write here in our cool mountain retreat. She is watching every movement of my pen and certainly acts as if it were all a wonder to her. She is the mother of one of our Bhamo school boys and is gradually thinking of becoming a Christian."

It has been the privilege of the board the past month to meet two missionaries, now at home: Dr. Longbride, from India, who told of the work of our "valuable" missionary, Miss Whittaker; and Mrs. Meuzger from Africa, who spoke of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark, of the native and his wife now in charge of the school there, a testimony to these faithful workers.

From Wisconsin came a letter asking the privilege of paying the entire salary of a missionary, \$600; another letter from a Junior society that sends \$25 each year, asks for a picture of their missionary, Miss Zimmerman, to hang in their room.

Mrs. Kline, our treasurer, led the devotions at our last meeting and asked especially for prayer that our Baptist women, and our women with money, might be more interested and consecrated to our foreign mission work, and begin a rigorous campaign early this fall, rather than wait till the closing months next spring. The training school for Bible women will open this October in Osaka, with Miss Mead as principal. If necessary funds can be guaranteed. Twenty-three pastors have asked for a trained worker, while probably only ten can be entered this year. Miss Acock, with Miss Buzzel, gives an interesting account of the commencement, with the Mayor of Sendai and the Governor as guests. Miss Buzzel was expected home this year, it being time for her furlough, and especially as her parents celebrate their

golden wedding, but devotion to the cause of conform to new government standards caused her to remain at her post. She says, "I dare not look my parents in the face were I to neglect such a known duty."

Miss Antisdell writes of 211 being baptized and Miss Protzman at Mandelay asks for pray come out from their people and become Christians. Our missionary, worn with the many demands upon her time and strength, regrets she cannot accede to the requests for letters "to interest our people," but says, "I have to tell myself I am here to work and not to write letters."

H. F. T.

## BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

The Baptist Old People's Home, located at Maywood, Ill.,—though not yet prepared to receive inmates—is evidently in the hearts and prayers of God's people at the ends of the earth, as we recently received a gift from a missionary at Moulmein, Burma, for the home. The location at Maywood is considered an ideal one as the beautiful Maywood Park is distant only two blocks and will be a perpetual source of enjoyment to aged people—and that without any expense to the home. It is really better than if the home owned the park-land, as it will have no streets to pave on it; no sidewalks to put down and keep in repair; no lawns to mow and no taxes to pay. The park is always in repair. The thirteen lots of the home are delightfully situated as to the town, Carnegie Library, churches and transit to the city; and it is two blocks distant from the orphanage. Inquiries are also coming from the west—even from California—about the home. The board is seeking to raise at least \$2,000 to put the house in repair, and open the home, which will accommodate ten or twelve inmates. The hope is that some generous friends will come forward with \$15,000 to \$20,000 to put up the wing of the main building, so greatly needed for the many aged people applying.

It is a work of love, faith, prayer and giving. Generous gifts are the great need of the hour, as the home cannot be opened without money to put buildings in proper form.

The applicants are many; the demands are urgent; the board has decided to go on with the work as fast as the funds appear. This gift from Burma should arouse all hearts, and liberal offerings should now be received.

James P. Thoms.

640 North Hoyne avenue, Chicago.

THE BAPTIST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF  
CHICAGO.

Movement Which Promises Much for Future  
Strength and Development of Baptist  
Interests.

The first steps have been taken by leading Chicago Baptists in one of the most important movements ever before considered by the denomination of the city, being an effort to coördinate all the denominational interests in one organization, this organization to be known as the Baptist Executive Council of Chicago. At a meeting in June of committees appointed by the Chicago Baptist Association, the Ministers' Conference and the City Mission Society, the preliminary steps in organization were taken, and a special committee, composed of Mr. James G. Elsdon, Dr. Johnston Meyers, Dr. R. E. Manning and Mr. John Nuveen appointed for the preparation of a scheme of organization and the drafting of by-laws. At a meeting held last month the report of this committee was unanimously adopted. Among the more important recommendations of the committee was one that the first meeting of the proposed Council be held on the last Friday in September for the purpose of completing the organization and selecting the board of directors, and to this end it was agreed that notices should be sent early in September to the Pastor and Clerk of every church in the Chicago Association, requesting them to call a special meeting of their respective churches to select the requisite number of persons as members of the proposed Council.

Still another recommendation and perhaps the most important as related to an established Baptist institution, was that referring to the City Mission Society. It was the unanimous opinion that a new organization such as the proposed Executive Council would prove more effective than to attempt to enlarge the scope of the City Mission Society, the thought being that the work of the council would be on broader lines than that of the present society. To this end the recommendation was made that the City Mission Society be invited to abandon its present organization and merge itself in the new organization.

The complete draft of the By-Laws of the proposed organization, which will be presented for adoption by the representatives of the Baptist Churches of the Chicago Association at the meeting to be held in September, follows:

By-Laws of the Baptist Executive Council

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be "Baptist Executive Council of Chicago," and its principal place of business shall be in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

ARTICLE II.

The objects for which the council is formed are to organize, establish, maintain, promote and preserve, and to aid in organizing, establishing, maintaining, promoting and preserving Baptist churches and missions, and educational, benevolent and charitable institutions in the City of Chicago and vicinity; and to preserve, promote and maintain, and to aid in preserving, promoting and maintaining the property and property interests of the Baptist denomination in the City of Chicago and vicinity; and to take, purchase, hold and dispose of real and personal estate for religious, missionary, educational, benevolent and charitable purposes.

ARTICLE III.

The members of this council shall consist of the pastor of each of the Baptist churches now forming the Chicago Baptist Association, and of such other churches from time to time as may be approved by the council, and in addition thereto one lay member where the membership of such church does not exceed Two Hundred (200), two members where the membership is more than Two Hundred (200) and less than Five Hundred (500), and one additional member for each additional Five Hundred (500) of membership or fraction thereof. There shall also be elected at each annual meeting of the council fifteen other persons who shall constitute members at large of this council. The member or members from each church, except the members at large, shall be chosen by such church before the annual meeting of the council and the names of all such duly certified to the Secretary of the council before such annual meeting, and in case of failure on the part of any such church either to choose such member or members, or to certify the name or names of the same to the Secretary of the council before such annual meeting, the member or members from such church may be elected by a majority vote of the members of the council at such annual meeting. The members of the council shall serve one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, and all vacancies in the membership shall be filled by a majority vote of the board of directors.

ARTICLE IV.

The general management of all the affairs of

the council shall be vested in a Board of thirty (30) directors, all of whom shall be members of the council and elected for one year by ballot and a majority vote.

#### ARTICLE V.

The officers of this council shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected from the board of directors by ballot by a majority at the first meeting of the board of directors after the annual meeting of the council. They shall hold their office for the term of one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The board of directors may in its discretion elect, from its own membership, or otherwise, a corresponding secretary, a general manager or superintendent, and such other agents as it shall deem best. The Board shall also appoint its own attorney to take charge of all legal matters pertaining to the council.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The regular annual meeting of the council shall be held on the last Friday in September of each year. Special meetings of the council may be held at any time upon the call of the president or three directors, or upon written request of ten members of the council. Notice of the annual meeting of the council stating the date, place and hour of meeting, shall be duly mailed by the Secretary to the address of each member of the council at least ten days before such annual meeting, and like notice of special meetings stating the business to be transacted shall be mailed at least three days before such special meetings. Notice for the annual meetings of the council shall be accompanied by blank forms of proxy for the use of members not able to attend the meeting so called, and at any annual or special meeting of the council any member may take part and vote either in person or by proxy. Thirty members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting of the council.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the council and board of directors; supervise the affairs of said council and execute all deeds, contracts and other documents authorized by the board of directors; appoint all special committees, unless otherwise determined by the board of directors, and perform such other duties as the board of directors may from time to time direct. In the absence of the President, or in case of his inability to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

The Secretary shall keep a book to be prepared for the purpose, a full and complete record of all meetings of the council and board of directors, and give notice of all meetings of the council and board; he shall have the custody of all the books, papers, documents and the seal of the council; when directed and empowered so to do by the board, he shall sign or attest all contracts, deeds and documents, and attach the seal of the council to such as may require it; he shall keep a book in which shall be put down the name and address of each member of the council, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the board of directors.

#### ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer shall receive all the moneys of the council and immediately deposit the same in such bank as the board of directors shall from time to time designate, to the credit of the council; he shall pay out moneys, only upon vouchers signed by the President or Vice President, and not otherwise than by check upon the bank where such voucher is for Ten Dollars (\$10) or more; he shall keep a full and true account of all moneys of the council received and paid out, in a book belonging to said council; he shall make a written itemized report to the board of directors at each regular meeting of the board, and at its special meetings when requested so to do, of all moneys received and paid out, and shall make out and submit to the council at its annual meeting each year a report of all receipts and disbursements during the year, which report shall be first examined and audited by an auditor to be appointed from time to time by the board. The Treasurer may, in the discretion of the board, be required to give bonds.

#### ARTICLE X.

The board of directors shall hold its regular meetings upon the last Friday in each month, at such time and place as it may by resolution from time to time designate. Twelve members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Special meetings of the board may be called at any time by the President or by three members of the board. Notice of all meetings of the board, stating date, place and hour of meeting, shall be given by duly mailing such notice to the address of each director, or by delivering the same to him in person, at least two days before such meeting, provided, however, that when all the members of the board are present at any special meeting,

however called or whenever held, the action taken at such meeting shall be valid and binding.

#### ARTICLE XI.

Whenever any church or other organization or corporation shall duly convey its property to this council, in furtherance of the purposes for which the council is incorporated, such church or other organization or corporation shall thereupon and thereby be entitled to elect annually, so long as its property shall be under the control of the council, two representatives to meet with the board of directors in an advisory capacity and to take part in all deliberations of the board, but without power to vote.

#### ARTICLE XII.

The board of directors may appoint from its own members each year, such standing committees as it shall deem best.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

This council shall have and use a common seal containing in a circle the words "Baptist Executive Council of Chicago—1908—Seal," and such seal is hereby adopted as its common seal.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

The order of business at all regular meetings of the council shall be as follows:

1. Prayer.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Reports of officers.
5. Reports of committees.
6. New Business.
7. Election of officers.
8. Adjournment.

#### ARTICLE XV.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the board of directors by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and at any regular annual meeting of the council by a majority vote of the members present. In case of any such proposed amendment or alteration by the board of directors, thirty days prior written notice thereof, giving the proposed change, shall be mailed to each member of the board.

### RELIGION AND MEDICINE.

By A. R. E. Wyant, Ph.D., M.D.

The above subject illustrates what good old Cotton Mather called "the angelic conjunction of medicine with divinity" and is the title of the first official book of the Emmanuel

Movement, of Boston, and illustrates, as the publishers declare, how an alliance between the highest neurological science of our time and the Christian religion in its primitive and simplest form, as modern Biblical scholarship has disclosed it, may become a powerful weapon with which to attack the causes that lie behind the neurotic and hysterical temperament that characterizes the life of today. It is now about two years since the Emmanuel Church, of Boston, entered upon its work in behalf of nervous sufferers, and although its leaders have shunned the spectacular, the many cures they have effected and the permanent relief they have given have gained considerable publicity.

This work is written by two scholars trained in scientific theology, Drs. Elwood Worcester and Samuel McComb, and a physician who is a specialist in psychological medicine, Dr. Isidor H. Coriat. So fast is the work increasing that thousands of persons travel hundreds of miles to Boston to obtain the benefits of the methods employed and the leaders declare that although their staff numbers eight men, they are unable to see one person in four who wishes to come to them, even for a single conversation.

The following free and random quotations will indicate the general character of the work, and the desirability of having work of a similar kind conducted by our larger churches here in Chicago.

"We are attempting to establish no new dogma," says Dr. Worcester. "We believe in the power of the mind over the body, and we believe also in medicine, in good habits, and in a wholesome, well-regulated life. In the treatment of functional nervous disorders we make free use of moral and psychical agencies, but we do not believe in overtaxing these valuable aids by expecting the mind to attain results which can be effected more easily through physical instrumentalities. Most religious workers in this field have made the mistake of supposing that God can cure in only one way, and that the employment of physical means indicates lack of faith. This is absurd. God cures by many means. Although a sound physical method is a valuable adjunct in every branch of medicine, yet viewed as an independent remedial agent, the legitimate sphere of psycho-therapy is strictly limited. It is in the field of the functional neuroses that all its real victories have been won.

"Another important characteristic of our work is the pains taken in the diagnosis of disease and in the preservation of records, without which no treatment can be regarded as scientific or even safe. In nervous disorders this is

the more necessary because so-called nervous affections are not infrequently indications or precursors of serious organic disease, failure to discover which is not merely loss of time and effort, it is frequently a gross wrong to the patient, and the exposure of one's self to merited criticism and contempt.

"As to the propriety of the church engaging in such work, we venture to say that the time is come when the church must enter more deeply into the personal lives of the people, and make a freer use of the means modern science and the gospel of Christ place at her disposal if she is to continue even to hold her own. What we have done other churches can do and we hope that other qualified persons may be induced to help us.

"The well-nigh universal conditions of nervous weakness which confront us on every hand proclaim the fact that life as it is organized at present is too difficult for us. The brain and nervous system of man are capable of responding to an incalculable, but limited variety of stimulation and it begins to look as if for us the limit had been reached and in many cases exceeded.

Theoretically two courses are possible: Either the reduction of the nervous tension under which we are living or an increase of moral and nervous energy to meet life's demands. Men's environment has not merely changed from what it was of old; it has become more complex. Our fathers wrestled against flesh and blood and to virile men this struggle is the easiest.

"We must wrestle against effeminating luxury, against corrupting materialism, against our own debilitated nervous systems, against the vastest doubts that ever dismayed the mind of man, against the very richness and complexity of the life we have inherited. Knowledge has become so vast that the human brain cannot contain a fraction of what man may legitimately desire to know and with this infinite expansion of knowledge the old faith, which did not rest on knowledge, but rather on ignorance, becomes more difficult.

If the world of thought has become too great for our minds to grasp, the life we lead threatens to become too manifold in its interests, too exacting in its demands for our weak organisms. In the early deaths and suicides of many of our ablest men, in the alarming increase of insanity and nervousness, in the diminishing and vanishing offspring of the cultured classes, in the general use of alcoholic stimulants and dangerous drugs we already see a limit to the dissipation of man's energies.

"These are the conditions under which life

presents itself to the more favored classes. The less favored suffer from grievances which cry louder to heaven. Without an uncharitable thought we may admit that the same system which had made one portion of society rich has made another and a larger portion, poor. One of the problems, therefore, with which the twentieth century is confronted is the problem of human happiness. The whole tendency of the age may be summed up in the two words, mechanical and material. It may be doubted whether we have made life better or happier, but it cannot be doubted that we have made it more effective. Man has become merely part of a machine. He is hurried in spite of himself and as soon as he becomes ineffective he is cast aside as so much scrap iron.

"The purely material complexion of our life has reacted unfavorably on us, for man, strange as the phase may seem, is essentially a moral and spiritual being and he never can find his rest or happiness in material things. The great problem of our age, as of all the ages, is the problem of the spiritual life, but never since the downfall of Rome was that problem more pressing than it is today.

"Only Christ is strong enough to save the world today, but to do it he must be allowed to free himself from the fetters with which human tradition has bound him. He must be permitted to confront humanity with all his divine reasonableness, his pity, his sense of God's nearness. As we open our innermost consciousness to the inflow of God's spiritual powers and make effective his eternal gift of love in our personal and social relations by fellowship with him and service to one another, in that measure there will come, and will continue to come in increasing fullness, that life which Christ promised, the more abundant, wholesome, joyous life—the life of Emmanuel, God with us."

The first step in this modern psycho-therapeutic movement is the recognition of the sub-conscious mind, of the part it plays in our daily life and its physiological action. We believe, with Prof. James, of Harvard, that the sub-conscious powers of the mind really exist and that the recognition of them forms the most important advance which psychology has made during the present generation. And the most important fact which has yet been discovered in regard to the sub-conscious mind is that it is suggestable. The physiological action of the sub-conscious mind is now clearly demonstrated. It is through this element of suggestability that the cures are wrought. Yet these workers avoid all fetishes and material adjuncts as means of suggestion

and rely only upon moral, spiritual and rational means.

An interesting chapter deals with auto-suggestions, which might be defined as one's education of his will. Some practical hints are given for obtaining facility and good results from this method. Other chapters consider the functional neuroses, the causes of nervousness, the nervous system in health and disease, the diseases of the subconscious, the nature of hypnotism, and its therapeutic value, psychic and motor re-education, the general principles of psycho-therapy, fear and worry, faith and its therapeutic power, prayer and its therapeutic value, suicide and its prevention, with closing chapters on the healing wonders of Christ, and the outlook of the church. A suggestive chapter on some physical disorders having mental origin, by Dr. J. W. Achorn, is added as an appendix. It is a remarkable book and its direct appeal to the reason, its scientific deductions and its high moral tone, will appeal strongly to every one who has thought of the problems of disease and their cure.

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#### A TRIBUTE TO MICHIGAN WOODS AND WATERS.

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The following article has come to us through the kindness of a mutual friend of ours and the Michigan author-fisherman. It was not written for publication but it so breathes the air of the woods and its sentiments are so beautifully expressed that we publish it in the hope that it will bring refreshment to readers in the dusty city.—Editors.

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Mr. Toastmaster, Members and Guests:—Many of us have read the child-story of the prince who was told by the fairy that if he could find a four-leafed clover, growing wild, that talisman would bring him happiness. After searching for it in many lands, he returned home, gray and feeble, to pass the poor remnant of his life, and there, beside his own doorstep, he found the four-leafed clover. That, sir, will explain why I camp and fish in Michigan, for after forty years of searching and even exploring for the wildest, most attractive woods and waters, I realize that our state contains them—where I know nature best—by her heart beats answering my own.

Judged by severe standards, many of Michigan's forest tapestries, river chains and lake robes and jewels show defects. My own perfect attack of chills and fever and yellow jaundice was a gift from Michigan swamps. And such

astonishing sand hills as winds raise along the east shore of Lake Michigan—lofty ugliness beside the rich, sapphire blue of that water. Yet with abundant caution, I say that nature, exulting in her work, seems to exhaust Michigan's generous allotment of highest landscape beauty, by lavishing it upon special regions and locations until they seem to be peerless. I need mention only two or three.

When jaded men who lead strenuous lives seek summer rest and recreation—real escape from cooked air and electric fan wind—they should drift in a canoe down the Au Sable stream from Grayling to Lake Huron, or down the Manistee from Sharon to Maple Grove. Go in a dory along the south Superior shore from Whitefish point to Marquette, and camp anywhere in that remote beauty world, and see how nature mixes her sunshine and rain about the camps; where an angler will eat fried trout with his fingers, and will not see the little wash-dishes placed right on the camp table at meals, called finger bowls.

Every angler, hunter, camper or canoeist knows of some very especial forest, stream, lake or mountain which he feels is partly his own—that it was made beautiful for him, so he doubly clasps and holds it. And, out in our native state, sir, is my little trout-stream,—the Slagle River. I beg you will not consider what I tell you about it as rhapsody and exaggeration.

It is flowing now, over white and gray gravel, talking to itself through a wilderness of pines and hemlocks, cedars and spruces, alders, ferns and thorn-bush. I have dreamed of that stream during seven months of business banishment from it, but each June I camp beside it and during the remaining summers of my life.

It is nearly a thousand miles away, but I can see its lower glen as it will appear—canyon with banks sloping upward nearly 300 feet, and all thickly covered with flower snow—great thorn-bushes in the white blossoming of early June. I can see how all that will look at three o'clock in the June mornings as I fish for big trout, while every thorn-flower will begin to have its own dew-drops and so many of the dew-drops have caught and hold faint glints of starlight. I can smell that cool fragrance as the water croons the night-song which breaks and dies along those pebbled banks. I wander into little old New York, walk up lower Broadway, and hear the chimes of old Trinity bells pealing out, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." Every deep note of those bells seems to accentuate the call of the crystal voice of that trout

stream; and as I listen, this city vanishes—I am wading in that glen long after midnight, casting with white-miller flies for the big trout. I hear the wind in the tops of the pines; I feel the breath of the lower cascade, and its moisture on my face, or I see our tent with its pine-board table, and two or three extra tin cups and plates for visitors. I cut and trim the green alder-branch, make a fork with its twin stubs, and with it hold a slice of bacon over the camp-fire—and as it cooks and bastes, here I smell boiling coffee, and frying trout and the smoke and burning balsam from the pine backlog, and the Michigan woods, hunger fills my throat.

I taste the hot biscuits baked in the tin reflector, and the wild honey gathered by our camp-keeper. Any sportsman passing there tired and hungry will be asked to stop, rest, eat with us, and help us fish along that four miles of stream.

O, sir, I love that stream. It is in my heart talking now. Words, words are cheap! It is easy to weave them into garlands to festoon before a post-prandial audience, but to talk of my little Michigan trout-stream and before Michigan men—words are not rich enough.

And next summer, sir, I shall see the iron fence placed around a level spot on the left bank of that glen, under two big hemlocks. You can hear the water rushing below, and see it in glimpses, winding among the trees to where it empties into the Manistee.

In forty years, sir (no sooner, I hope) I and two old comrades will be sleeping under those hemlocks. Mother Earth has no other breast which could be so warm for me. In all reverence, I say that I hope my spirit will start from the Slagle River when I am summoned to cross the Dark River, alone, and I must go up to the gates guarded by St. Peter, and beg of him to let me in because I was his fellow-fisherman on earth, and loved my fellow-men, and never kept a trout under eight inches long. And he, sir, cannot fail to remember that morning when he girded his own rude fisher's coat about his naked body, cast himself from that little ship in to blue Galilee and swam to where his risen and returned Master had fish cooking for him, laid on that fire or coals; and who told him (not once, but three times), that as he loved his Master, to feed his Master's sheep. I am a poor sinner, but with absolute faith, with awe, with a head bowed in veneration, I yet believe that if I am admitted into Paradise, I shall find my little Michigan trout-stream there; then I need only say, "Please give

me my wading boots and fishing tackle, and show me the way to the Slagle River. I long for its waters, its pines and thorn-blossoms. Lead me to where that thin, blue column of smoke is rising through the tree from my camp-fire on the bank and show me the board table in the tent, with two extra cups and plates for I know several old trout fishermen who must, very soon, be coming this way along the bank, and they will be tired and hungry, and will want some hot biscuits and wild honey, and fried trout."

#### MAINTAINING LARGE CONGREGATIONS.

The following is quoted from an extended editorial on the subject in the *Christian Advocate*:

"Large congregations are maintained chiefly by the work of the members, and an increasing congregation often changes the whole spirit of the minister. A certain man who is considerably nearer seventy years of age than he is fifty, came to this city not more than two years ago. He took a church that had been declining for some years; so much so that the pastor had resigned, though those who attended would have been pleased to retain him longer. It was soon noised abroad that the congregation had doubled. To ascertain whether this resulted merely from novelty or the excellence of the sermon and accompanying ministerial service, we attended, and on that occasion in giving his notices the pastor particularly set forth that no permanent congregation can be built up without specific work, the hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart work of the members. They were to speak about the church and the sermons (he showed no diffidence or modesty in speaking about those); they should speak in commendation of the sermons, meetings, the church building, and talk of the people who composed the congregation, and of everything that would naturally attract an attendance. More than that, they were to solicit people, and use the same methods that they found successful in business. He said preaching and music might draw a crowd, but they alone would neither build up the church nor a permanent congregation.

"Even the greatest of men and the most eloquent have recognized the force of this. The organization of Mr. Spurgeon's Tabernacle was based upon it, and that in the days of his greatest gathering power; while Henry Ward Beecher did little personally in that way, Plymouth Church could not have been more active had each member been making his living as a solicitor of trade."

## ILLINOIS ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

DR. H. C. NEWTON.

Thirty-six counties and hundreds of towns and cities in Illinois have gone dry as a result of those "dry temperance sermons."

Though 1,500 saloons were knocked out by means of the new local option law the brewers report their fight a great victory. A few more such "victories" is just what they don't want.

August 8 will be a hot day—for the saloon politician. The decent citizen is going to the polls on that day.

That new anti-saloon map of Illinois shows the black spots surprisingly few and far between. The best scrub brush for removing these ugly spots is your ballot.

The July 17 number of the Illinois Issue (the official paper of the Illinois Anti-Saloon League), contains some very important instructions to the decent voter, which he should heed *right now* for August 8, the primary election day, is almost here. This paper should be in the hands of every good citizen in order that he avoid giving his vote to the enemy of the home, church and state.

The July 24 number contains the League's recommendations as to legislative candidates and should be studied and *heeded*. Call or write for this number at the League's headquarters, 1200 Security Building, Chicago.

The nomination of good men on August 8 means the election of good legislators in November. Chicago should send a number of clean men to Springfield this time. Heretofore we have been asleep and compelled our down-state brethren to save our legislature from the everlasting disgrace of complete rum rule. Now let's wake up!

## ANTI-CIGARETTE LEAGUE.

LUCY PAGE GASTON, Superintendent.  
*Chicago Morals.*

The moral conditions in Chicago are bad—very bad—cannot be gainsaid or denied. That the responsibility lies somewhere is self-evident. Where is it?

Much abuse is heaped upon the public officials who are sworn to enforce the law. But a study of cities leads one to believe that laws are enforced usually up to the limit of the public sentiment that exists for their enforcement. The right thinking moral element is not active and aggressive and this leaves the field to those who have selfish ends to gain, or who profit by the vices of the people—often by the debauchery of even the boys and girls as in the sale of cigarettes, the profit from slot machines and other gambling devices.

Our churches are filled from Sunday to Sunday with an eminently respectable body of citizens, most of whom are probably correct in their own habits of life, but who take little or no interest in needed movements for the protection of the morals of the community.

Were the churches of Chicago to decide to make their religion include some definite practical work along aggressive lines which would

strike and strike hard the evils that exist all about them there would immediately be a war on that would mean something.

"It besets the nations," said Balzac of tobacco. The lethargy of many a church along reform lines comes doubtless from the questionable habits of many of the members. But shall "civilization's last hope—America" go down in darkness and despair because of the selfish indulgence of God's professed followers

Those wishing to join an aggressive movement in Chicago against the cigarette and kindred vices are invited to correspond with the Anti-Cigarette League, 1119 Woman's Temple—the Mecca of the tempted boys of America.

## THE NATION'S PRAYER.

God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands.

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will;

Men who have honor, and who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue

And scorn his treacherous flatteries without winking.

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog

In public duty and in private thinking!

—Josiah Gilbert Holland.

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### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

president, Mr. Robert Leland, the society has grown in numbers and interest. We have been widely scattered during the summer, but we hope that we may gather for the fall work with renewed vigor and with a resolve to labor more zealously for the master.

At the last election of officers for the South Side District, two of our number were given official positions, Miss Sylvia Bucklin was made secretary, and Mr. S. T. Foster chairman of the Evangelistic Committee.

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### PERSONALS.

Dea. C. E. Whitmore left August 8 by boat for Buffalo and then on to Boston and the sea coast in search of rest and to recuperate his health. He will probably be gone three weeks or more. We hope he will find health and strength in abundance and return to us with a goodly store.

Miss Blanche Spinney has been spending some delightful weeks at Crescent Beach, L. I., and in the New Hampshire hills and Mass.

Mrs. M. R. Montague, Mrs. J. Gorton Marsh and Miss Marsh, with Mrs. O. K. Thomson, have returned from Chautauqua where they have been for several weeks.

The Misses Gertrude and Clara de Clercq, have been at Newaygo, near Holland, Mich.

Miss Anna Baird spent her vacation in Twelve Corners, Mich.

Mrs. M. J. Piercy is making a visit to her brother, O. L. Colby at Milwaukee, near Portland, Ore.

Mrs. J. F. Gillette is enjoying the sea breezes at Magnolia, Gloucester, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Atwell and family have enjoyed trips to Ottawa, Ill., Lake Delavan, Wis.

Mrs. R. N. Clarke and son George are visiting her brother and sister in Cleburne, Tex. Mr. Clarke will join them later.

Mr. and Mrs. Bilton will go to Toronto and Belleville, Ont., Mr. Bilton's former home, to which he has not been back in twenty-eight years.

Mrs. J. A. Spencer is spending the summer in Newark, N. J.

Miss Blanche Harvey left last week for Lake George and the Adirondacks. We are glad to know that her father's health is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Leland have been spending the past week in Saugatuck, Mich., during the absence of their son, Mr. Robert Leland, who is visiting friends in Cleveland, O.

Mrs. S. T. Foster has recently returned from a month's visit to her home in Brockville, Ont.

Mrs. E. E. Bucklin has been attending the Chautauqua in Kankakee, Ill.

Miss Clara de Clercq has been taking a vacation near South Haven, Mich.

Miss Florence Raymond and her cousin, Lulu M. Drake are spending a couple of weeks with friends at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hackendahl have just returned from a short stay near Tracy, Minnesota, where their daughter, Miss Anna M. Hackendahl, is visiting friends.

Miss Helen Todd is visiting Mrs. Dudley Watson (nee Hale) at Channel Lake, Ill.

While away on your vacation did you forget your weekly envelope contribution? Well, well, that does make it a "weakly" contribution, doesn't it?

Information Wanted!—As to the present addresses of Mr. and Mrs. or Miss \_\_\_\_\_, who were members of our church several years ago. Anyone knowing their whereabouts will confer a pleasure on them by sending their addresses, on a postal card, to W. E. Smith, Chairman, 52 Woodland Park, Chicago. What does he want with them? Why, he wishes to send them an invitation to our seventy-fifth anniversary, and to get a letter from them in case they cannot come. Don't you think your friend would be pleased to be remembered? What did you say the address was? Please write it down (and mail it).

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mrs. Almy Miller has moved to 395 Oak street.

Mrs. H. N. Smith to 4355 N. Ashland avenue.

### DIED.

Morris A Todd, father of Roy Todd, a member of our Sunday School, died Friday, July 17, 1908. The funeral, held Sunday, July 19 at 3158 Calumet avenue, was conducted by Dr. E. C. Spinney.

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## RAYMOND CHAPEL NOTES.

July 5th, Sunday evening sermon by Rev. E. L. Kelly.

July 12th, Sunday evening sermon by Rev. E. L. Kelly.

July 19th, Sunday evening sermon by Rev. E. L. Kelly.

July 26th, Sunday evening sermon by Dr. E. C. Spinney.

Prayer meetings have been maintained every Thursday evening during the month of July, conducted by Brethren Kelly and Spinney.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Raymond Chapel held a sociable July 6th, which was well attended. A good program was rendered, after which fine refreshments were served. We hope all the friends of the Mission will avail themselves of the next social function.

If anyone has a couch, that is not in use, it will be thankfully received by the Ladies' Aid Society for their parlor at Raymond. Kindly send card to Mrs. L. Wierman, 3028 Poplar avenue.

Our Raymond Sunday School will hold a picnic at Jackson Park, Saturday, August 29th. Come and enjoy the day's outing with us.

Great credit is due Mr. E. L. Kelley and Dr. E. C. Spinney, who have taken turns conducting the evening services at the Chapel for the last three months. Let us give them all the support we can in this noble work.

We are glad to have Mrs. Perry back with us again after her long illness.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Kelly were away on a visit to Elkhart, Ind., last month, Mr. S. T. Foster taking charge of the Sunday School during their absence.

Saturday, August 1, Mrs. S. T. Foster returned from her former home in Canada, where she had been visiting for the last month. We have missed her very much during this time and are glad to have her back with us again.

Mr. Lester Groom, our librarian has been acting as pianist in the Sunday School during the absence of Mrs. Foster. Lester is one of the coming pillars of our church for even at his age he is depended upon to fill many important positions.

Mr. W. R. Raymond is back in his old place again teaching the Bible class. Mr. Foster is going to build up our young men's class which has been without a teacher for some time and is badly in need of a permanent teacher.

The Rev. Cornwall gave a stereopticon lecture Sunday evening, August 9, upon the last quarter's Sunday School lessons.

Mrs. Fred Olson together with her daughter Sophia and son Bert, spent ten days at Antioch, Ill., during July.

Miss Shrigley, our faithful primary superintendent, is on her vacation; we are looking for her back again, August 23.

Mr. Worrell Kelly has been assisting in the library for the past month. Worrell's home is in Blair, Wis., but he is making a two months' visit with his uncle, Dr. F. H. Kelly.

Mr. Cryderman, has been taking charge of the primary department in the absence of Miss Shrigley.

Miss Helen Warner and Miss Mildred Shirley have been conducting a kindergarten school,

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, during the months of July and August.

We have added about sixty new books to our library this last month. Wouldn't you like to contribute one book to help us along? if so please hand your name to our librarian, Lester Groom or Superintendent Dr. F. H. Kelly.

Mr. Harry Wilkie, one of our Sunday School teachers, was married to Miss Dorothy Middleton, sister of Mrs. F. H. Kelly, July 2, 1908. We hope to welcome Mrs. Wilkie and enlist her as one of our Sunday School workers.

We are glad to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Archie McIntyre, have presented themselves to the church for membership. They are going into the work with the greatest of interest.

Miss Sadie Golland a member of Miss Reeder's class, died Thursday, August 6.

Mr. Herbert Service and Sidney Crozier, have been making week-end trips out of the city for the last few weeks.

Mr. Claude Chrisletto and Sidney Crozier left Saturday, August 8, to spend a week at Paw Paw, Mich.

Eddie Gilmore left Monday, August 10 for his vacation going to Makito, Iowa, for two weeks.

Miss Bessie Reeder is visiting friends in South Bend, for a couple of weeks.

Miss Bessie Hamilton and Mr. Phares Minnich spent Sunday, August 2, at Manteno, Ill., where they attended Sunday School.

Misses Lelia and Frieda Minnich, left July 24, for Hersher, Ill. They expect to be away for three weeks.

Mr. Vivian Gunderson is doing good work leading the singing in our Sunday School, and has stood nobly by us during the hot weather.



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## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

## JOURNAL OF THE CHURCH.

June 3, Wednesday—Covenant meeting. God's Word to the Herald, a Commission of Welcome. John 1:6-8, 15-18; Matt. 3:1-12; John 1:29.

June 4, Thursday—Raymond prayer meeting.

June 5, Friday—Sunday school teachers' meeting. Lesson for following Sunday taught by Mr. Kennan. Preliminary discussion on the topic, "Should Teachers Graduate with Their Classes?"

June 6, Saturday—The Choral Club rehearsal. (Sub-rehearsals for ladies Wednesday, 4 p. m.) Boys' Club at Raymond.

June 7, Sunday—Sermons by the pastor; topics: "The Challenge of the City," and "Gain by Loss." C. E. meeting, "What Is True Repentance?" Psa. 51. Rev. R. R. Kennan, leader. Rev. R. R. Kennan at Raymond "Three Steps to Safety."

June 8, Monday—Pastor's Aids. First open air meeting, 31st street entrance to the church in charge of C. E. Soey and H. H. Van Meter.

June 9, Tuesday—Woman's Mission Union meeting and presentation of training school graduates at Oak Park church.

June 10, Wednesday—Church prayer meeting. Missionary meeting—5. "God's Word to His Church," a commission for world-wide service. John 15:16-27; Matt. 28:16-20.

June 11, Thursday—Sunday school teachers' meeting taught by Mr. Kennan. Last meeting of season. Prayer meeting at Raymond Chapel.

June 12, Friday—Woman's Mission Circle, closing meeting of season. Graduating class of missionary training school as guests; social after program.

June 13, Saturday—Sunday school picnic at Elliott's Park, in conjunction with Hyde Park, Immanuel and Raymond Sunday schools. In athletic contests First Baptist won banner for open events and banner for girls' events. Boys' Club at Raymond.

June 14, Sunday—Sermon in the morning by the pastor, "Seeking the Truth." Evening by Rev. R. R. Kennan, "The Way to the Throne." C. E. meeting, topic, "How to Choose a Life Work," 1 Kings 3:5-15. Leader, Miss Helen Todd. Rev. Austin K. de Blois at Raymond, "The Badge of Loyalty."

June 15, Monday—Farewell reception to Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Kennan. Mr. Kennan goes to pastorate of First Baptist Church, Mason City, Iowa.

June 16, Tuesday—Open air meeting 31st street entrance, H. H. Van Meter, leader.

June 17, Wednesday—Church prayer meeting.

June 18, Thursday—Prayer meeting, Raymond.

June 20, Saturday—Choral Club (Sub-rehearsal for ladies Wednesday, 4 p. m.) Boys' Club at Raymond.

June 21, Sunday—Children's Day. Special exercises in church by various departments of Sunday school. Sermonette by Dr. de Blois. Christian Endeavor, topic, "How to Get and Keep a Situation." Gen. 39:1-6; 41:38-44. Leader, Mr. Ernest Hartung. Evening sermon by pastor, "The Statesman and the Politician in the Republican Convention." Rev. E. L. Kelly at Raymond.

June 22, Monday—Open air meeting 31st street entrance, under C. E. Society, H. H. Van Meter, speaker.

June 23, Wednesday—Church prayer meeting, subject, "How Far Can We Imitate Jesus Christ in Modern Life?"

June 24, Thursday—Prayer meeting at Raymond. (Prayer meetings at Raymond in June were lead by Dr. de Blois, Rev. E. L. Kelly and Dr. E. C. Spinney.)

June 27, Saturday—Christian Endeavor society picnic at Jackson Park. Choral Club (Sub-rehearsals for ladies Wednesday, 4 p. m.). Boys' Club at Raymond.

June 28, Sunday—Sermons by pastor, "Whole-heartedness," and "A Great Apostle of Democracy." C. E. meeting, "Alaska," 1 Cor. 2:1-16. Leader, Miss Gertrude de Clercq. Rev. E. L. Kelly at Raymond.

June 29, Monday—Open air meeting 31st street entrance.

July 1, Wednesday—Covenant meeting.

July 2, Thursday—Prayer meeting at Raymond.

July 5, Sunday—Sermon by pastor, Dr. de Blois, "The Sin of Modern Churches." First open air preaching service from steps of church at 7 p. m. by Dr. de Blois. Topic, "Jesus Christ the Central Figure in All History." Singing by Mrs. Sylvester Marshall, of Christ Reformed Episcopal Church, followed at 7:45 by meeting for prayer and testimony (attended by over 200; two expressed desire to follow Christ). Preaching at Raymond by Rev. E. L. Kelly.

July 6, Monday—Meeting of committee to arrange for celebration of seventy-fifth anniversary of founding of First Baptist Church. Social given by Ladies' Aid Society at Raymond.

July 8, Wednesday—Missionary meeting led by Deacon E. D. Neal who reported on his trip to the Baptist Anniversary meetings in Oklahoma.

July 9, Thursday—Prayer meeting at Raymond.

July 12, Sunday—Preaching in morning by Deacon John P. Ahrens. Text: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Preaching at Raymond by Rev. E. L. Kelly. Open air gospel meeting, H. H. Van Meter, at northwest corner of church, followed by meeting inside.

July 15, Wednesday—Prayer meeting led by Dr. E. C. Spinney, text, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

July 16, Thursday—Prayer meeting at Raymond following open air meeting led by H. H. Van Meter.

July 19, Sunday—Preaching in the morning by Dr. T. L. Ketman. Topic, "Prominent Characteristics of Paul." Open air sermon in evening by Bro. H. H. Van Meter, on John 3:16. Preaching at Raymond by Rev. E. L. Kelly. C. E. meeting at Raymond discontinued during summer until October.

July 22, Wednesday—Prayer meeting led by Rev. E. L. Kelly. Topic, "Expectation the Measure of our Attainment," or "Encouragement to Larger Work for Christ."

July 23, Thursday—Prayer meeting at Raymond, led by Rev. E. L. Kelly.

July 26, Sunday—Preaching in morning by Rev. J. G. Mathews, of Toronto, Canada. Text, "All things are yours," or "The Christian's Inheritance." Evening sermon at corner of church by Bro. H. H. Van Meter, text, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so I will comfort you." Preaching at Raymond, Dr. E. C. Spinney.

July 29, Wednesday—Covenant meeting led by Deacon W. J. Liddy, topic, first verse of first Psalm.

July 30, Thursday—Prayer meeting at Raymond, led by Dr. E. C. Spinney.